



## **Public Information Meeting for**

# **US 41**

**Oconto Bypass  
(Frog Pond Rd – 0.5 mi north of County S)**

**Oconto County**

**Tuesday, November 30, 2004**

**4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Oconto Elementary School Gymnasium**

**810 Scherer Avenue**

**Oconto, Wisconsin**

Welcome to tonight's US 41 public information meeting. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) will discuss the US 41 proposal along the Oconto bypass from Frog Pond Road to a point approximately 0.5 miles north of Oconto County S. WisDOT personnel will be available to discuss the project on an individual basis, answer questions, and obtain your comments regarding the proposed improvements.

WisDOT plans to construct a 4-lane, median divided facility from Oconto to Peshtigo, including Oconto and Peshtigo bypasses. Tonight's meeting will pertain only to the Oconto bypass portion of the project. Detailed public meetings were already held for the section of US 41 between Oconto and Peshtigo in October of 2003 and for the Peshtigo bypass in March of 2004.

Proposed improvements for the Oconto bypass segment include a 4-lane, median-divided freeway with interchanges. Additional right-of-way will be acquired throughout the project limits. This section is 5.2 miles long and has an estimated project cost of \$41.5 million (\$35.1 million construction cost; \$6.4 million real estate cost).

The entire project length is 21 miles and includes the Oconto and Peshtigo bypasses. The total estimated project cost, including the bypass segments, is \$132.6 million (\$112.4 million construction cost; \$20.2 million real estate cost).

Tonight's displays represent the Department's proposals for final roadway alignments and elevations, multi-modal trails, approximate roadway right-of-way needs (shown in yellow), building buyouts (shown in black), and access (including driveways) for the US 41 project along the Oconto bypass. Two duplicate wall displays are provided for your review and convenience. The following concepts are shown on the display:

- Proposed US 41 along the Oconto bypass will be constructed to a 4-lane, median-divided freeway. Access to the highway along this bypass will be provided by three interchanges. An interchange at the south end of Oconto will provide access to and from US 41 to the South. An interchange at STH 22 will provide access to and from US 41 to both the North and South. An interchange at the north end of Oconto will provide access to and from US 41 to the North. Side roads crossed by US 41 will either be grade-separated with bridges or closed. No at-grade side road or driveway access will be allowed.
- At the southern interchange, the southbound on-ramp will bridge over the proposed US 41 bypass.
- The proposed US 41 bypass will bridge over McDonald Street/Airport Road.
- At the WIS 22 interchange, the proposed US 41 bypass will bridge over WIS 22. In order to better accommodate Van Hecke Avenue's close proximity to the northbound ramp termini with WIS 22, roundabouts are proposed at ramp termini at WIS 22.
- The proposed US 41 bypass will bridge over South Range Line Road.
- At the northern interchange, the southbound off-ramp will bridge over the proposed US 41 bypass.

- The existing US 41 driving lanes at the north and south ends of the city transition into ramps as they approach the interchanges.
- To reduce the number of bridges while maintaining roadway safety and reasonable access to properties, the following side roads will be closed to US 41:
  - ◊ Mill Street (existing road cul-de-sac'd, but new driveway for Copper Culture State Park will be provided to western Mill Street)
  - ◊ Mott Street (existing road cul-de-sac'd, but new roadway will connect western Mott Street to WIS 22)
  - ◊ Van Hecke Avenue (existing road cul-de-sac'd)
  - ◊ Old 15 Rd (southern portion of this existing road eliminated, northern portion of this existing road extended to south and cul-de-sac'd)
- Some multi-modal trail accommodations will be provided along the Oconto bypass. A fully developed trail along the east side of the US 41 bypass will be provided from McDonald Street to eastern Mill Street. A trail crossing under the US 41 bypass will be provided from eastern Mill Street to western Mill Street. A paved driveway for Copper Culture State Park will be provided from western Mill Street to western Mott Street. Shoulders along western Mott Street and the new roadway connecting western Mott Street to WIS 22 will be paved wider to accommodate trail users. A fully developed trail will be provided along the US 41 bypass from WIS 22 to Van Hecke Avenue. A trail crossing under the US 41 bypass and a trail users' parking lot will be provided near Van Hecke Avenue.

The last sheet of this handout is a comment form for your use. We welcome your comments and encourage you to provide us with any thoughts or concerns you may have. The comment form may be completed tonight and dropped in the comment box or you may mail it as instructed on the comment form.

To keep the project on schedule, the department will seek early buyout requests from home and business owners planned for buyout. The process of gathering information for any early buyouts can begin immediately. If your home or business is one of those that the department is proposing to buy out, please see one of WisDOT's real estate staff members available at tonight's meeting.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation thanks you in advance for your comments and questions. Your input will aid us in our decision making process toward the plan development and construction of the US 41 bypass of Oconto.

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